service he gave to our nation. May his memory and the ideals he fought so hard to protect be preserved so future generations of working people are assured of basic rights and protections in a vastly changing workplace.

A NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR EDMUND S. MUSKIE

## HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing two bills to designate the Edmund S. Muskie Memorial, located in Rumford, Maine, as a national monument. Surely, the incredible accomplishments of this distinguished American deserve national recognition.

Edmund S. Muskie was born March 28, 1914, in Rumford, Maine, the second of six children and the son and grandson of Polish immigrants. Ed Muskie attended public schools in Rumford, graduated as valedictorian of his high school and with cum laude honors from Bates College. After Cornell University Law School, he began practicing law in Waterville. In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a Lieutenant in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters.

Ed Muskie began his political career in the Maine House of Representatives, where he served from 1946–1951. Later he went on to be twice elected as Governor of Maine and then to the United States Senate, where he served for twenty-one years. During his tenure in the Senate, Ed Muskie served on the Foreign Relations, Governmental Affairs, and Environmental and Public Works committees, and was the founder and first chair of the Senate Committee on the Budget.

Joining Democratic Presidential nominee Hubert H. Humphrey, Ed Muskie ran for Vice President on the Democratic ticket in 1968, and then made his own bid for the Presidential nomination in 1972. After retiring from the Senate in 1980, he was made Secretary of State by President Carter, practiced law in Washington, D.C., and was named to President Reagan's Special Review Board to investigate the Iran-Contra affair.

Few people served this nation as long, or as honorably, as Edmund Muskie. His dedication to public service was obvious and his commitment to environmental issues ahead of his time.

I have introduced a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the memorial to Edmund S. Muskie located in Rumford, Maine, as a unit of the National Park System. I have also introduced a bill to then officially designate the memorial as a national memorial. I am hopeful that these bills can be considered and passed soon so that we can have a fitting, national tribute to Edmund Muskie.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 6, Wednesday, July 7, and during the morning

of Thursday, July 8, I was unavoidably detained due to official international election monitoring efforts I took part in and was not present for rollcall votes on those days.

Had I been present I would have voted the following:

Rollcall 326, recognizing the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, I would have voted "yea":

Rollcall 327, expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harry W. Colmery, I would have voted, "yea";

Rollcall 328, on the Manzullo amendment, which would provide \$79.1 million for the Small Business 7(a) loan program to finance more than \$13 billion in small business, I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall 329, on the Flake amendment, which would prohibit the use of funds to implement the Commerce Department's new restrictions on gift parcels to Cuba and the amount of personal baggage allowed for travelers to Cuba, I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall 330, on the Weiner amendment, which would increase COPS funding by \$107 million and offsets that funding by cutting funding for the Census, I would have voted "no";

Rollcall 331, on the Hefley amendment eliminating funding (\$174 million) for the re-engineered design process for the 2010 short-form only Census, I would have voted "no";

Rollcall 332, on the Kucinich amendment, expanding the membership of the President's "Manufacturing Council" to include representatives from unions and the steel industry, I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall 333, on the Paul amendment prohibiting funds to pay expenses for any U.S. contribution to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, I would have voted "no";

Rollcall 334, on the Farr amendment prohibiting funds from being used to prevent states from implementing state laws authorizing the use of medical marijuana I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall 335, on the Paul amendment prohibiting funds from being used to pay any U.S. contribution to the United Nations or any affiliated agency of the United Nations, I would have voted, "no";

Rollcall 336, on the rule providing for consideration of Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 1 would have voted, "no":

Rollcall 337, on the rule providing for consideration of the Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2003 I would have voted, "no": and

Rollcall 338, on the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004, I would have voted, "yea."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAROL SEALE

## HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the life and passing of Carol Mae "Peppy" Seale of Durango, Colorado. As one of the founders of

women's athletics at Fort Lewis College, she was dedicated to the nation's youth and committed to establishing greater opportunities for the nation's female youth population. She will forever be remembered as a pillar of her community, and as her family and community mourn her passing, I believe it appropriate to pay tribute to this exceptional woman before the body of Congress and this nation.

Peppy first moved to Durango in 1969 after she received her teaching degree from Carroll College and her master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado. She then went into coaching women's athletics at Fort Lewis College. She committed herself to the volleyball team for fourteen seasons, acting as the coach for the squad as well as providing all the transportation for the team to and from competitions. During her tenure as the head volleyball coach, she led the team to 148 wins. In addition, she spent time coaching other sports, including the basketball, softball, skiing and tennis teams. Outside work, Peppy had a love for the farm she lived on and the animals that inhabited it.

In recognition of her dedication to athletes and her success as a coach, Fort Lewis has inducted her into the Fort Lewis Athletic Hall of Fame. For her work advancing the cause of women in women's athletics she was named by the Women's Resource Center as an Extraordinary Woman of the Community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to celebrate the life and achievements of Carol Mae Seale before this body of Congress and this nation today. She played an important role in founding athletic programs for women at Fort Lewis College, and was a valuable asset to the Fort Lewis community. My thoughts go out to Peppy's loved ones in this difficult time of bereavement.

A TRIBUTE TO SHARON DEVONISH-LEID

## HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Sharon Devonish-Leid in recognition of her dedication to strengthening the community.

Sharon is a Community Relations Specialist for the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office in the Community Relations Bureau. In this capacity, she serves as the link between the community, the police, and the DA's office. Ms. Devonish-Leid is responsible for four police precincts (93rd, 69th, 73rd, and 75th), and two police service areas (1 and 2).

In this capacity, she has developed the Young People's Law program in the Community Relations Bureau. This program is an offspring of the People's Law School program, which District Attorney Hynes developed to educate adults about the criminal justice system. She is also responsible for developing the East New York College and Career Fair at Maxwell High School. Additionally, she has implemented other informational fairs and conferences that bring important information to our communities.

Sharon has always had a passion for the field of law. In fact, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, with